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- 1. GARMENT AND US DEL MEMBERS ATTENDED LUNCHEON FEB 11 HOSTED BY TURKISH HRC REP. AMB KIRCA. ONE OF GUESTS WAS TURK CYPRIOT REP. CHELIK, WHO SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN IN GENEVA FOR FOUR DAYS AND INTENDS TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL HRC DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS TERMINATED.
- 2. TURKS INFORMED US THEY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GROUP OF THIRD WORLD MEMBERS OF HRC LED BY INDIAN HRC MEMBER, MRS NEHRU. PLAYING THE SAME ROLE SHE PLAYED AT 1975 HRC SESSION, MRS NEHRU IS SEEKING MEANS OF AVOIDING CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION CYPRUS QUESTION, EITHER THROUGH FORMULATION OF RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS OR THROUGH ARRANGING PRIOR AGREEMENT ON PROCEDUREAL MOTION UNDER WHICH DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS QUESTION COULD BE COMPLETELY AVOIDED. LATTER COURSE WOULD ALSO AVOID ISSUE OF INVITATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TURKISH CYPRIOT REP TO MAKE STATEMENT

TO HRC. TURKS EXPRESSED OPINION EFFORTS OF MRS NEHRU HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

- 3. TURKS REMAIN FIRM ON POSITION THAT IF CYPRUS DISCUSSION DOES TAKE PLACE, TURKISH CYPRIOT REP MUST BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STATEMENT TO HRC. IF INVITATION REFUSED TURKISH DEL WILL BOYCOTT DISCUSSION. TURKS WHO ARE ACTIVELY LINING UP SUPPORT FOR INVITATION, ADMITTED THEY DO NOT YET HAVE COMMITMENTS FROM JAJORITY OF HRD.
- 4. ROUGH ESTIMATE IS THAT ITEM UNDER WHICH CYPRUS ISSUE WILL BE RAISED WILL BE REACHED BY HRC TOWARDS MIDDLE OF WEEK OF FEB 23. BRUNGART

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